

Amendments to the specification:

Please amend the specification without prejudice as follows:

Please replace paragraph [0015] with the following paragraph:

[0015] Figure 2 is an enlarged, fragmentary view in partial section of a composite vehicle panel according to the present invention utilized as a tonneau cover, taken along ~~like~~ line 2-2 of Figure 1;

Please replace paragraph [0035] with the following amended paragraph:

[0035] Referring now to Figure 7, a first alternate embodiment of a composite vehicle panel utilized as a tonneau cover is illustrated and generally designated by the reference number 110. The first alternate embodiment composite vehicle panel 110 includes a first or lower panel 112 having a plurality of reduced height, elongated, rectangular features or projections 114 which are parallel to and extend about the periphery of the panel 112. Extending across the center region of the panel 112 or a plurality of spaced apart convolutions or corrugations 116 which are disposed in parallel and extend from proximate the rectangular features or projections 114 along one edge of the panel 112 to similar features or projections 114 extending along the opposite edge of the panel 112. The convolutions or corrugations 116 are taller than the rectangular features or projections 114 having highest or uppermost parallel regions 118. The first or lower panel 112 also includes a peripheral depending flange or lip 120 which extends fully about its periphery. The first alternate embodiment composite panel110 panel 110 also includes a second or upper panel 122 having a planar central region 124 or depending flange or lip 126 extending fully about its periphery. Once again, the inside dimensions of the second or upper panel 122 adjacent the edge of the depending flange or lip 126 are equal to the outside dimensions of the first or lower panel 112 at its depending flange or lip 120.

Please replace paragraph [0036] with the following paragraph:

[0036] As illustrated in Figure 8, production of the first or lower panel 112 and of the second or upper panel 122 is essentially the same as production of the panels 30 and 46 of the preferred embodiment panel 10 and will therefore not be repeated, reference to paragraphs 29 through 32 above, being encouraged. Application of adhesive 68 to the first or lower panel 112 and specifically to the uppermost regions 118 of the projecting convolutions 116 may be achieved by the adhesive applying step illustrated in Figure 4. Alternatively, however, adhesive 68 may be applied directly to the top portions 118 of the convolutions or ~~corrugations~~ corrugations 116 by an elongate, adhesive distributing horizontal header 128 having a plurality of nozzles 132 spaced apart at distances equal to the spacing of the corrugations 116. The horizontal header 128 also includes a nozzle 134 which applies adhesive 68 to the depending lip 120. The elongate header is provided with adhesive through a flexible hose 136 from a pump 138.